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**Venom**



DISGRACED REPORTER EDDIE BROCK STUMBLED UPON AN AGGRESSIVE ALIEN ORGANISM, CALLED THE SYMBIOTE, DURING ONE OF THE LOWEST POINTS OF HIS LIFE. SHARING A SIMILAR NEED FOR JUSTICE IN THE FORM OF VENGEANCE, THE SYMBIOTE BONDED WITH EDDIE AND THEIR UNION GRANTED HIM POWERS SIMILAR TO THOSE OF SPIDER-MAN, AS WELL AS A NUMBER OF OTHER UNIQUE ABILITIES. TOGETHER, THEY NOW FIGHT CRIME AS THE WICKED WEB-SLINGER CALLED

# VENOM

TO STOP A MASSIVE SYMBIOTE DRAGON FROM DESTROYING MANHATTAN, VENOM JOINED FORCES WITH SPIDER-MAN, A.K.A. MILES MORALES. BUT IN THE MIDST OF THEIR BATTLE WITH THE CREATURE, THEY CAME FACE-TO-FACE WITH **KNULL**, THE CREATOR AND GOD OF THE SYMBIOTES!

FROM WITHIN THE BELLY OF THE SYMBIOTIC BEAST, KNULL TOOK CONTROL OF VENOM AND ATTEMPTED TO SEVER ITS CONNECTION TO BROCK. SPIDER-MAN WAS ABLE TO INTERVENE, AND NOW HE AND EDDIE MUST FIND A WAY TO SAVE SPIDER-MAN, VENOM, AND THE PLANET BEFORE THE GOD-HOST CAN DESTROY THEM ALL...

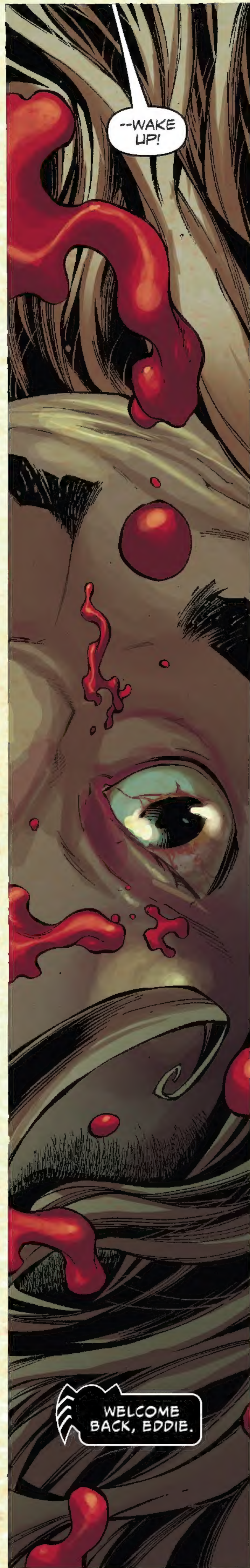
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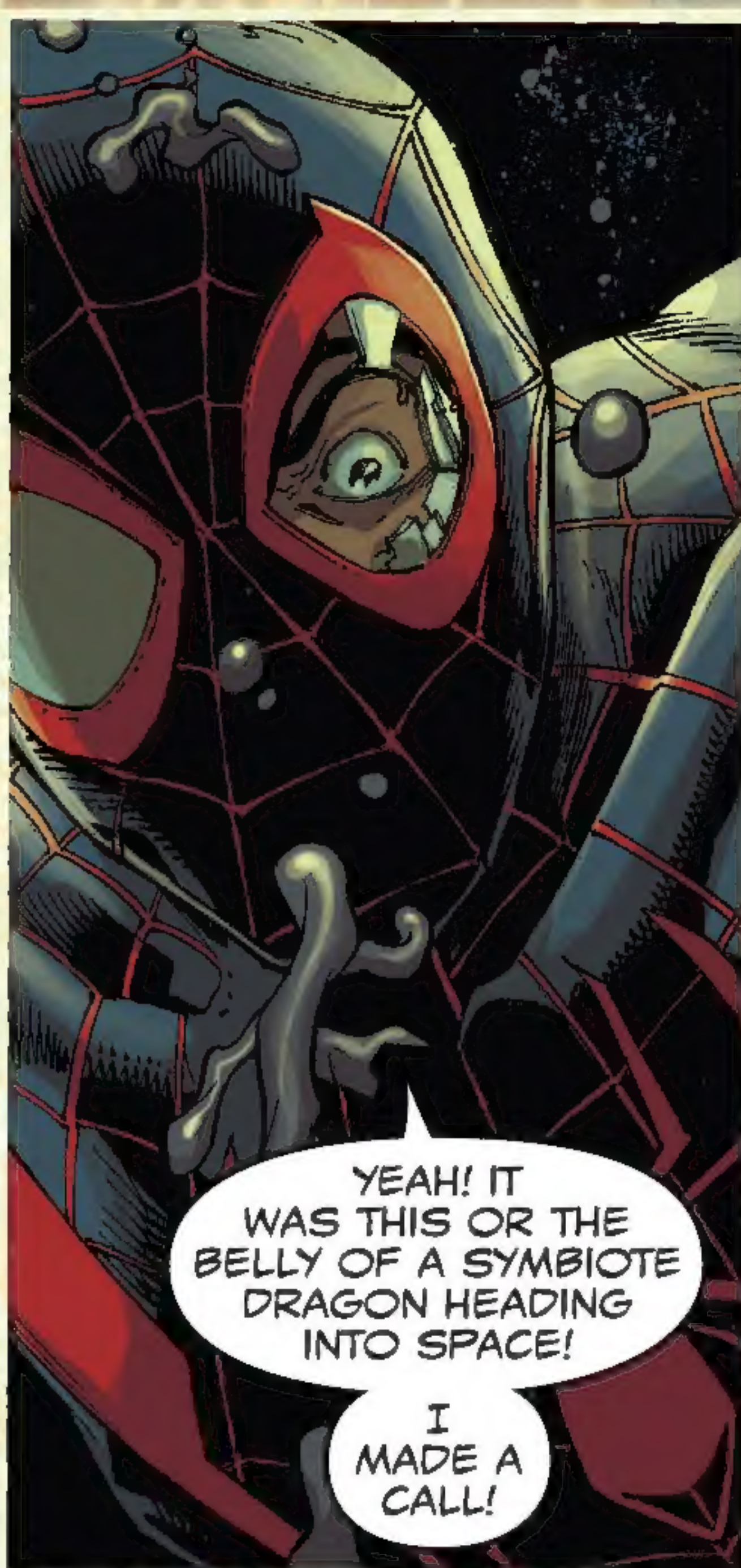




DON'T BE AFRAID.



W-WHAT THE HELL?



YEAH! IT WAS THIS OR THE BELLY OF A SYMBIOTE DRAGON HEADING INTO SPACE!

I MADE A CALL!

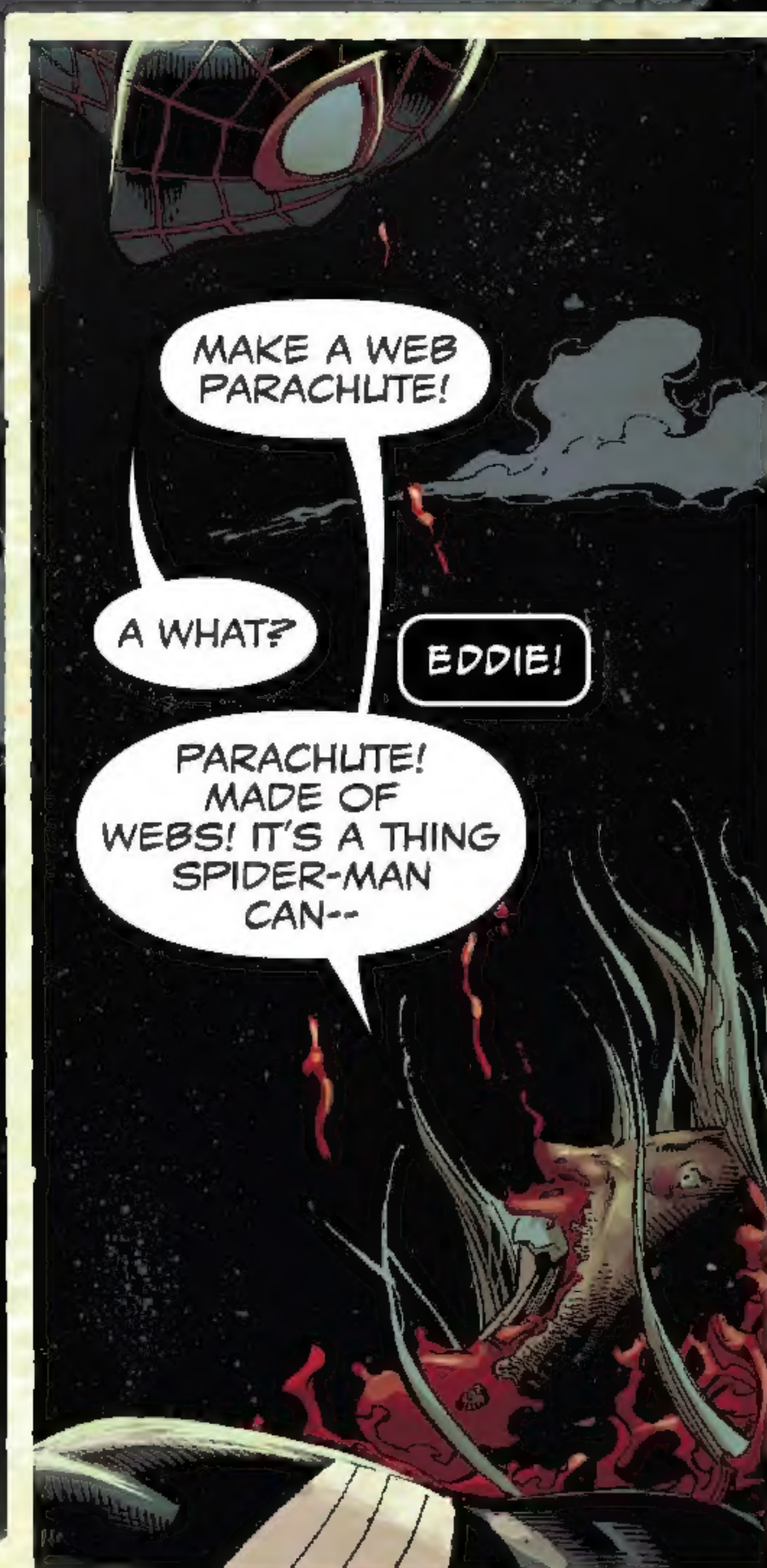


EDDIE. LISTEN TO ME.

NOT NOW!

WHAT? NO! NOW!



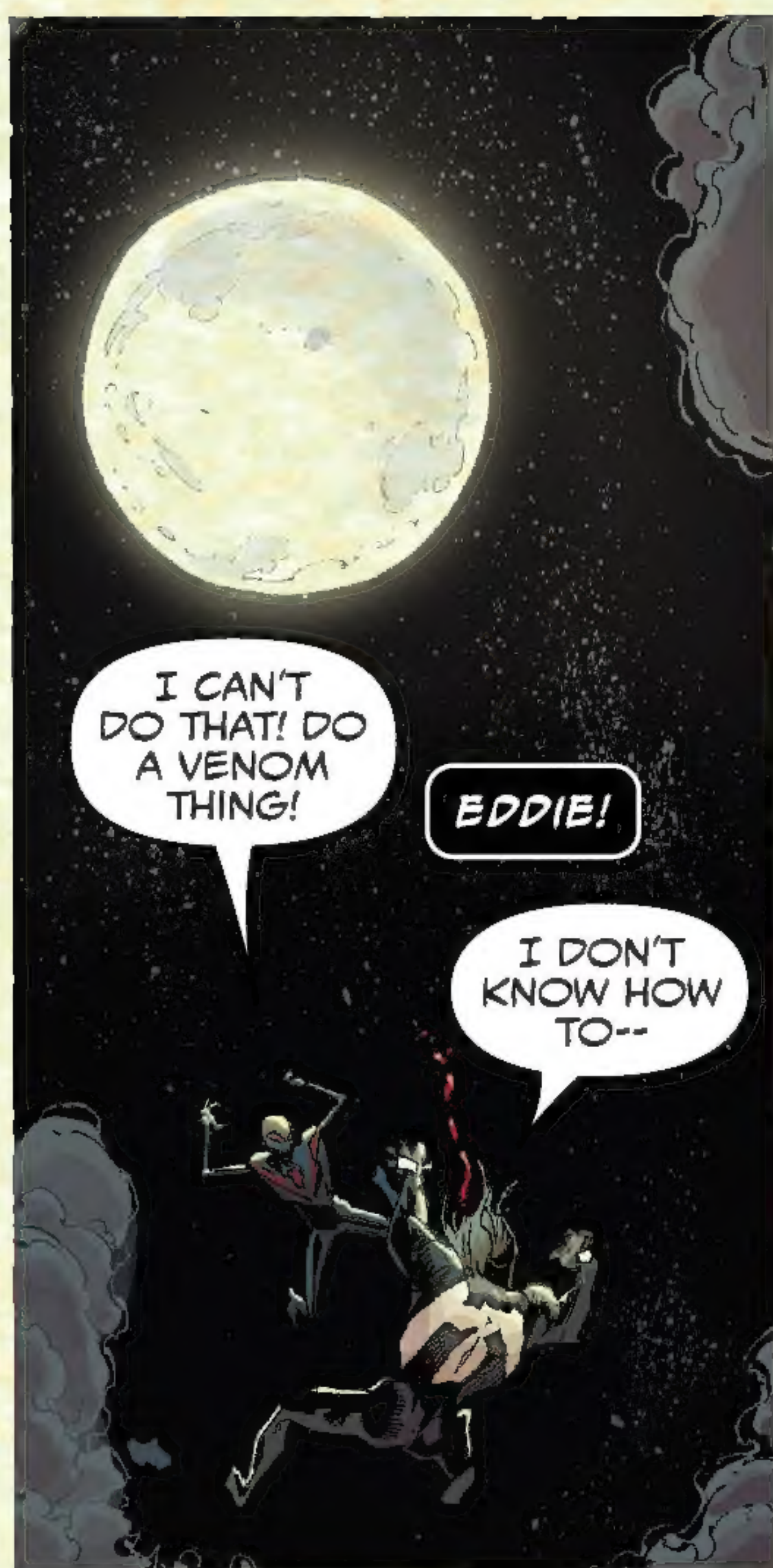


MAKE A WEB  
PARACHUTE!

A WHAT?

EDDIE!

PARACHUTE!  
MADE OF  
WEBS! IT'S A THING  
SPIDER-MAN  
CAN--



I CAN'T  
DO THAT! DO  
A VENOM  
THING!

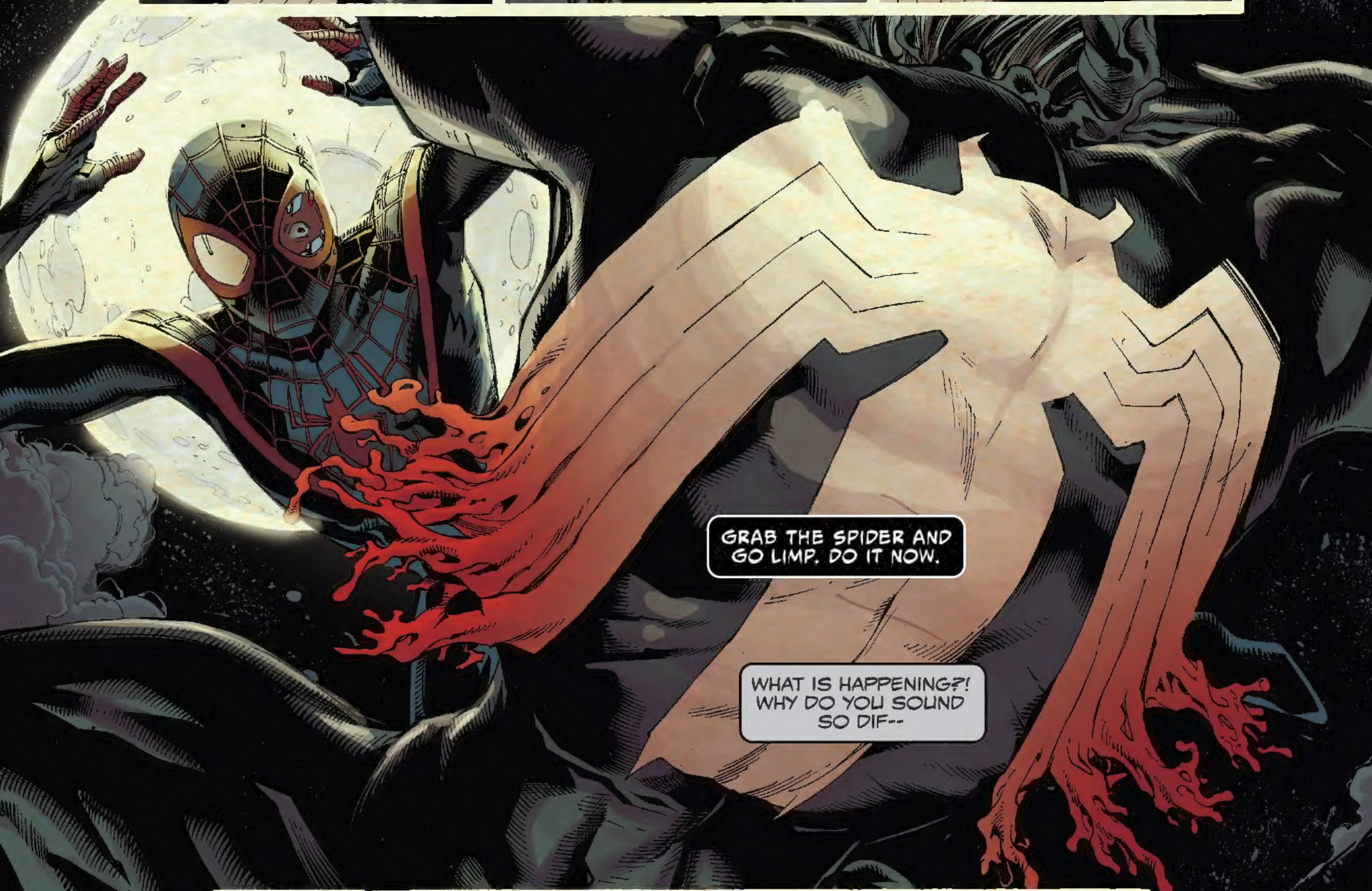
EDDIE!

I DON'T  
KNOW HOW  
TO--



LISTEN  
TO ME!

AGH!



GRAB THE SPIDER AND  
GO LIMP. DO IT NOW.

WHAT IS HAPPENING?!  
WHY DO YOU SOUND  
SO DIF--



WE WILL  
EXPLAIN  
LATER.

JUST  
TRUST  
US.





WE'VE  
GOT YOU.





YOU CAN FLY?!

NEWS TO US, TOO.



THANKS FOR THE ASSIST, KID. KEEP YOUR HEAD DOWN.

AH, WAIT!



HEY! NO! WHERE ARE YOU GOING?!



WAS THE THING ABOUT KEEPING MY HEAD DOWN **LITERAL** ABOUT LANDING ON THE BUILDING, OR, LIKE, A METAPHORICAL "KEEP MY HEAD DOWN" BECAUSE THAT DRAGON THING IS COMING BACK?!

HEY!



THWTF!!



RIGHT. OKAY. YEAH. YEAH, NO, YOU SEEM LIKE YOU'VE GOT THIS ONE.

I HATE SYMBIOTE STUFF.





OKAY, THE KID IS GONE. C-CAN YOU PUT US DOWN?

OF COURSE, EDDIE.



OKAY...GOD, I DON'T EVEN KNOW WHERE TO START...THIS IS... IT'S TOO MUCH...

YOUR HEART IS BEATING VERY FAST. YOU'RE SCARED. DO YOU WANT ME TO ALTER THE CHEMICALS IN YOUR BODY TO CALM YOU?

W-WHAT? NO! YOU CAN DO THAT?

WE CAN DO MANY THINGS NOW.



YEAH, I NOTICED. SINCE WHEN DO YOU HAVE WINGS?

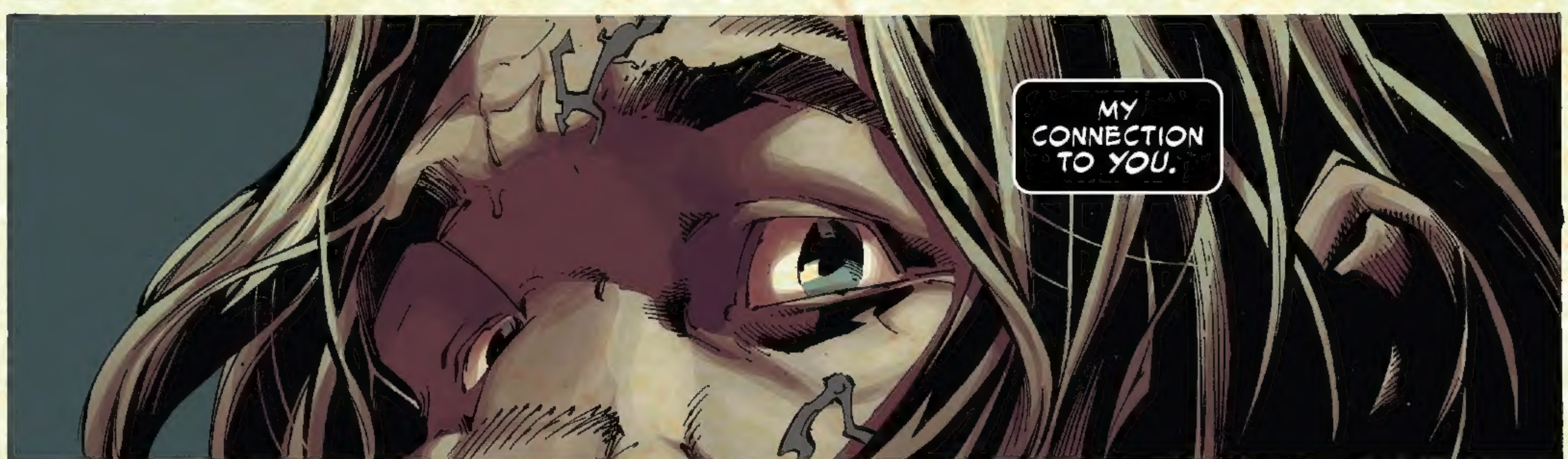
YOU'RE FREAKING ME OUT.

SINCE WHEN DO WE HAVE WINGS, EDDIE.

NOT OUR INTENT. LET US EXPLAIN.



KNULL TRIED TO BURN MY CONNECTION TO THE LIGHT AWAY.



MY CONNECTION TO YOU.





DO YOU  
REMEMBER?



KNULL WAS  
ATTEMPTING TO  
ABSORB ME INTO HIS  
SYMBIOTE. TO JOIN  
HIS HORDE.

BUT THE  
CONNECTION WAS  
INTERRUPTED BY  
THE SPIDER.

SOUNDS  
FAMILIAR.



BUT...WHAT?  
WHAT DOES ANY OF  
THAT MEAN?

GOOD  
THINGS AND  
BAD THINGS,  
EDDIE.

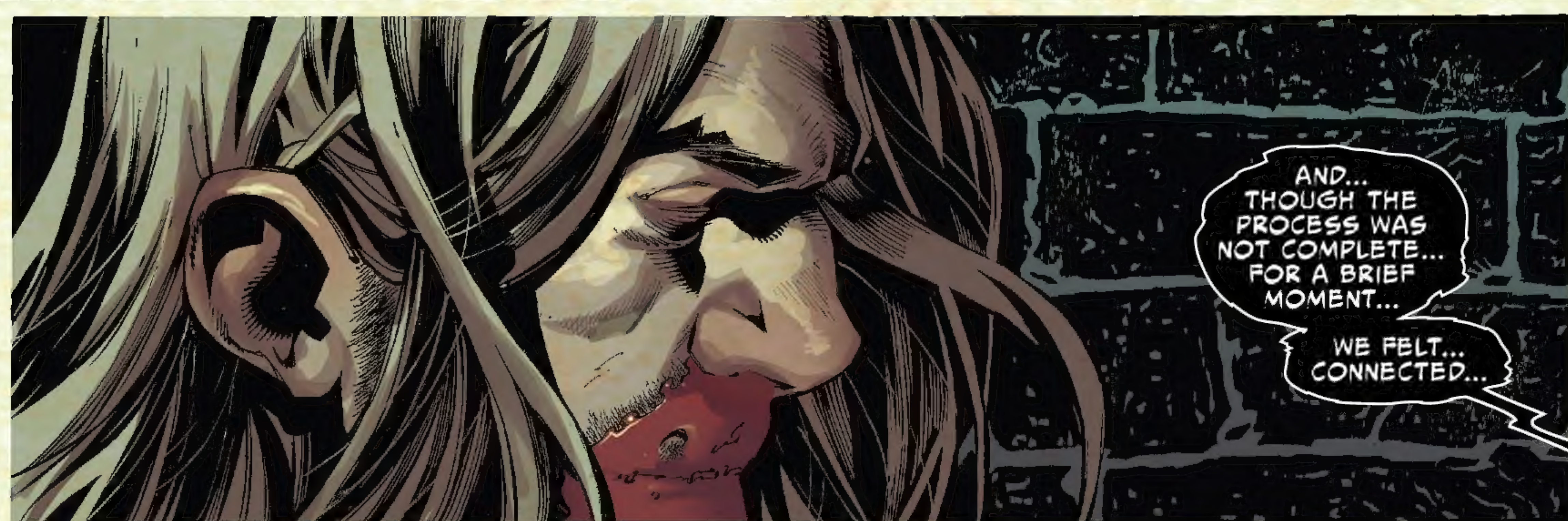


WE SEEM  
TO HAVE GAINED  
NEW STRENGTH FROM  
OUR CONNECTION TO THE  
GOD-HOST AND ITS  
PRIMORDIAL  
SYMBIOTE.

WE ARE  
NOW CAPABLE  
OF SO MUCH  
MORE.

BEING  
CONNECTED TO  
THE HIVE...IT  
WAS...

IT HAS  
BEEN A VERY LONG  
TIME, EDDIE. WE HAD  
FORGOTTEN THE POWER  
THAT COMES FROM  
OUR...NUMBERS.



AND...  
THOUGH THE  
PROCESS WAS  
NOT COMPLETE...  
FOR A BRIEF  
MOMENT...

WE FELT...  
CONNECTED...





...WE WERE  
NOT--  
ALONE.



...YEAH.  
SO  
WHAT'S THE BAD  
NEWS?

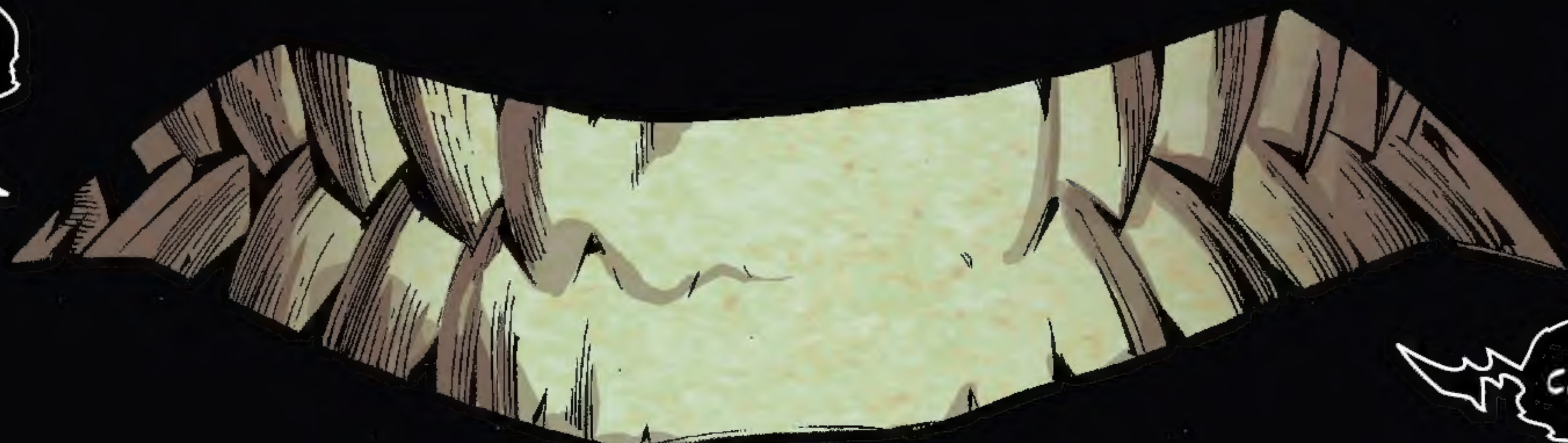


THE ABYSS,  
EDDIE. THE VOID.  
KNULL.  
HE  
STARES  
BACK.



AS  
LONG AS WE ARE  
TOGETHER, KNULL  
WILL BE ABLE TO  
FIND US.  
TO...  
INFECT  
US.

HE IS  
COMING BACK,  
EDDIE.



AND WE  
CANNOT HIDE  
FROM HIM.





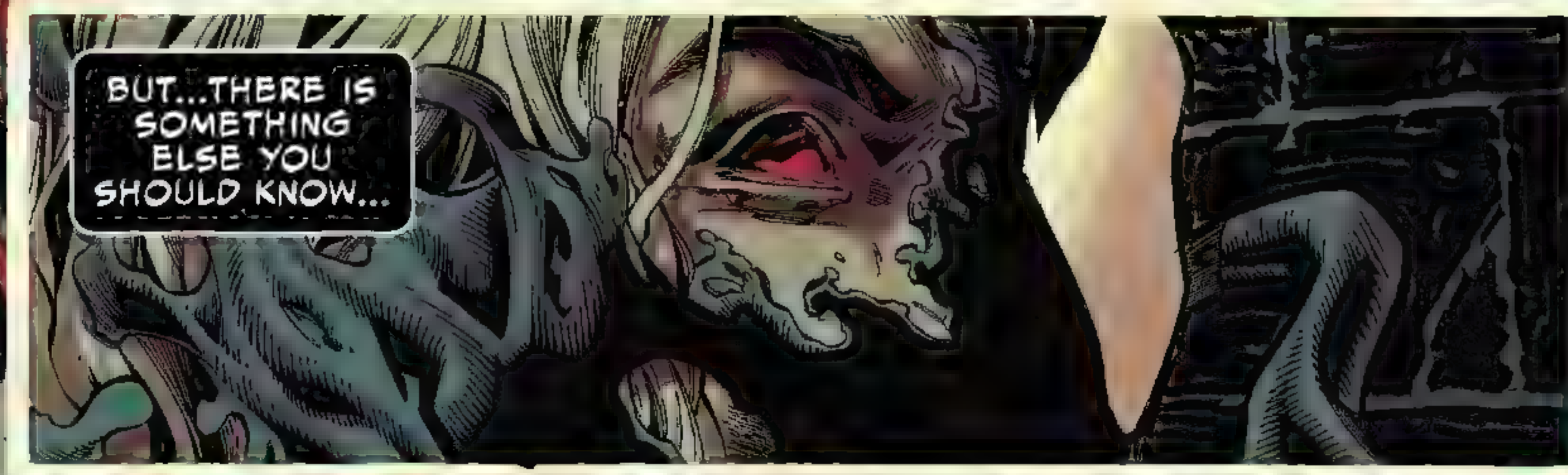
OKAY, SO...  
SO WE FIGHT THIS  
THING. WE'VE FACED  
TOUGHER THINGS  
THAN--

YOU KNOW  
THAT IS NOT  
TRUE. WE HAVE NEVER  
FACED ANYTHING  
LIKE--



WELL,  
WE HAVE TO DO  
SOMETHING!

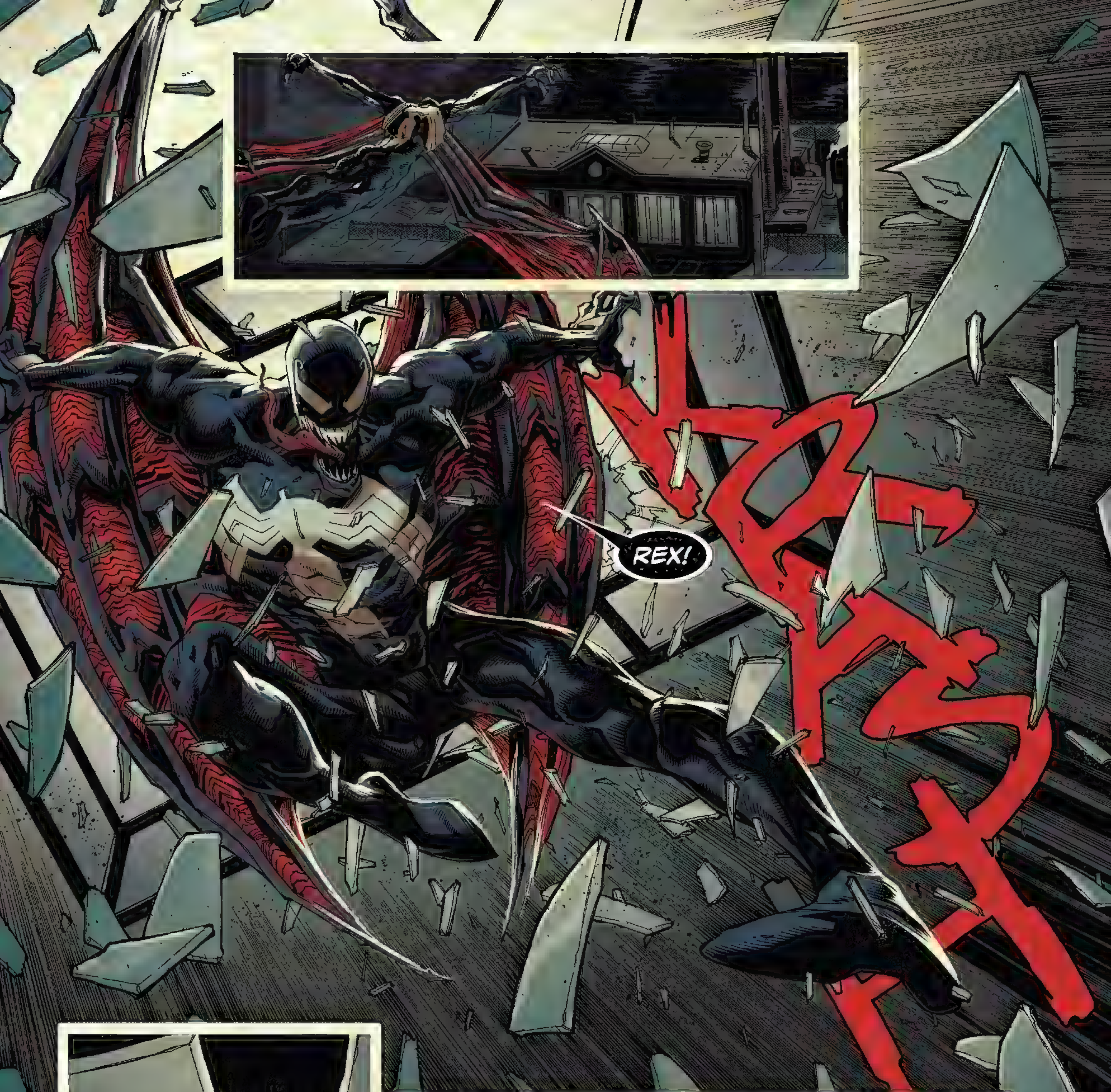
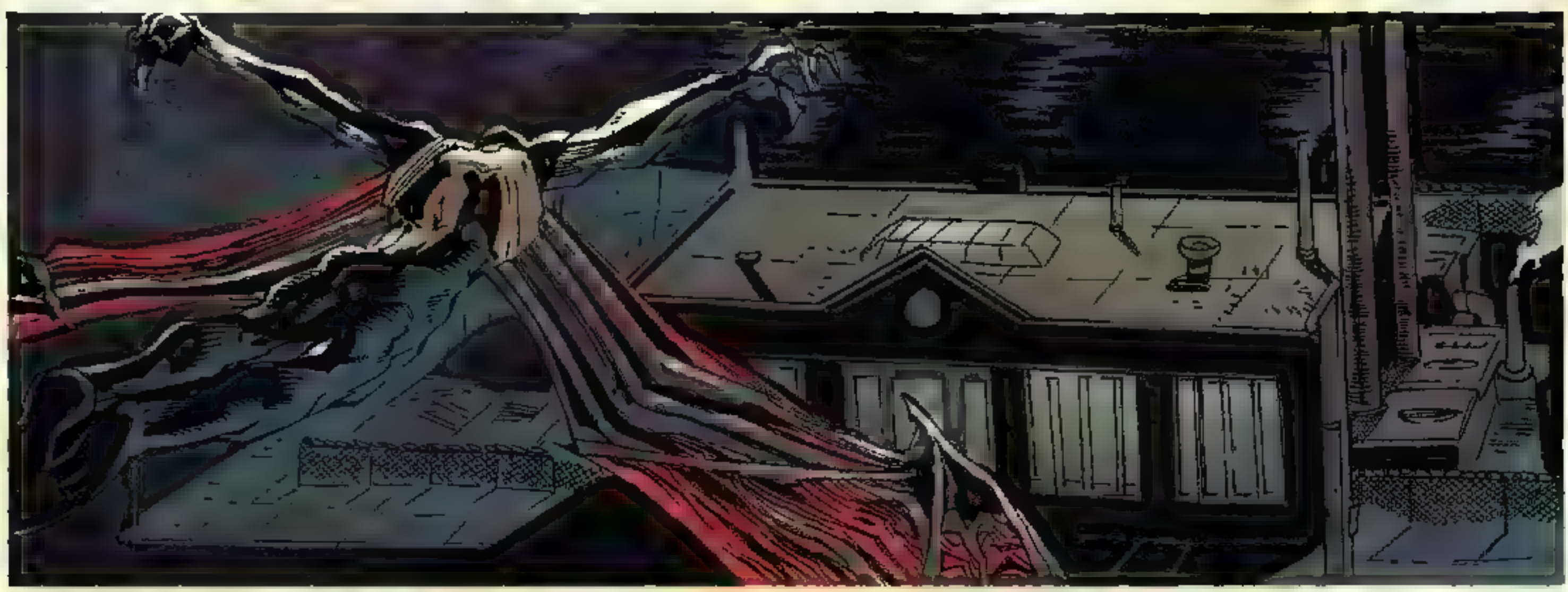
I KNOW,  
EDDIE. AND  
I BELIEVE  
I KNOW  
A WAY TO  
COMBAT  
KNULL.



BUT...THERE IS  
SOMETHING  
ELSE YOU  
SHOULD KNOW...







REX!



E-EDDIE!  
YOU'RE ALIVE!  
I THOUGHT--



WE  
NEED TO  
TALK.



EDDIE...  
W-WAIT. LISTEN  
TO ME, SON.  
YOU--

WE  
COULDN'T  
FIGURE IT OUT. WHY  
WE KEPT LOSING  
CONTROL...



"THE VOICES...THE NIGHTMARES..."

"EVERY TIME WE LOST CONTROL AND TURNED INTO THAT...THING..."

"WE THOUGHT WE WERE GOING INSANE..."

"BUT WE KNOW BETTER NOW."

"MY OTHER WAS JUST REACTING INSTINCTIVELY, LIKE AN ANIMAL..."

"SHOWING ITS BELLY TO THE SAME MONSTER S.H.I.E.L.D. CUT UP AND USED TO CREATE THOSE SOLDIERS."

"THE PRIMORDIAL SYMBIOTE THAT CARRIED KNULL'S DARKNESS ACROSS THE STARS..."

"...THE GRENDEL."

"...BARING ITS TEETH TO ITS ALPHA."

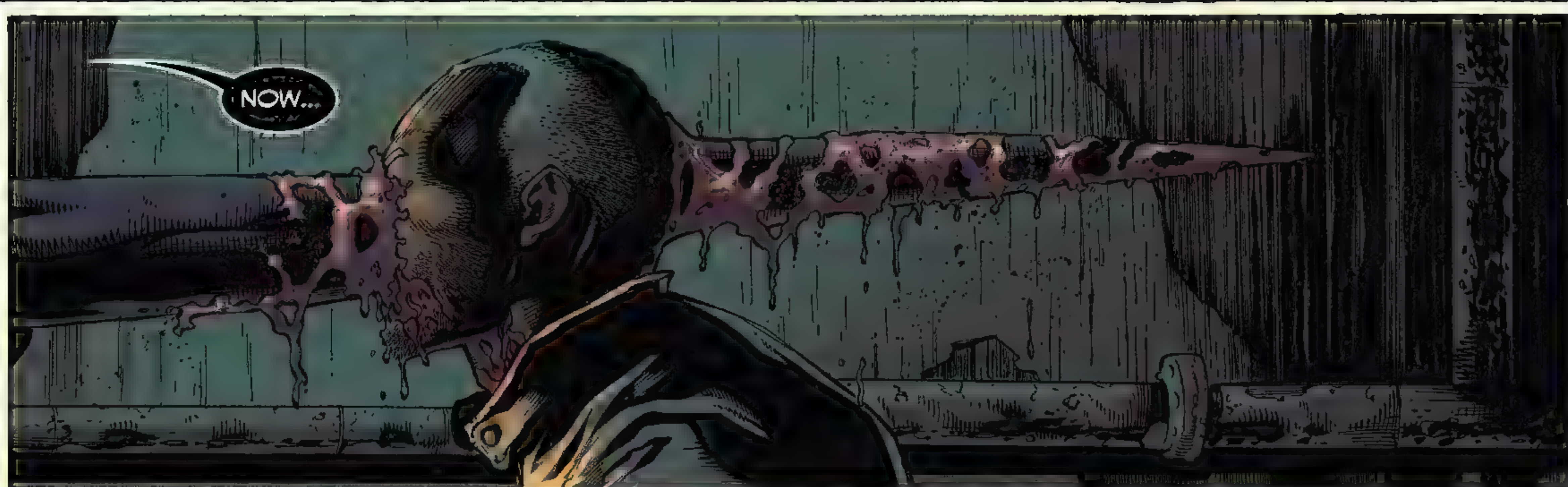
THE ALLEY.  
THE WAREHOUSE.  
THE ROOFTOP. MY OTHER WAS REACTING TO SOMETHING ELSE. PROTECTING ME.

WE SHOULD HAVE SEEN IT.

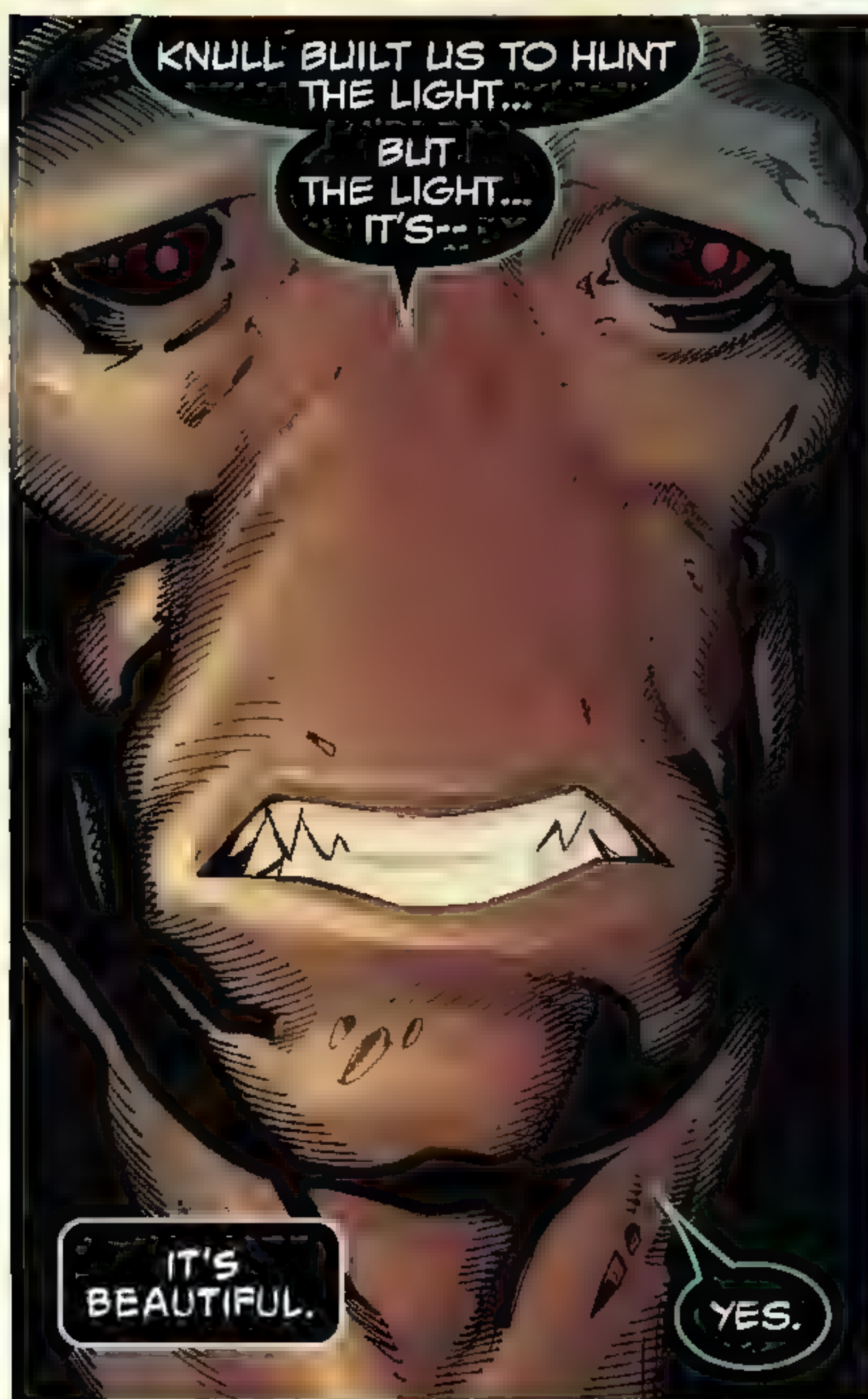
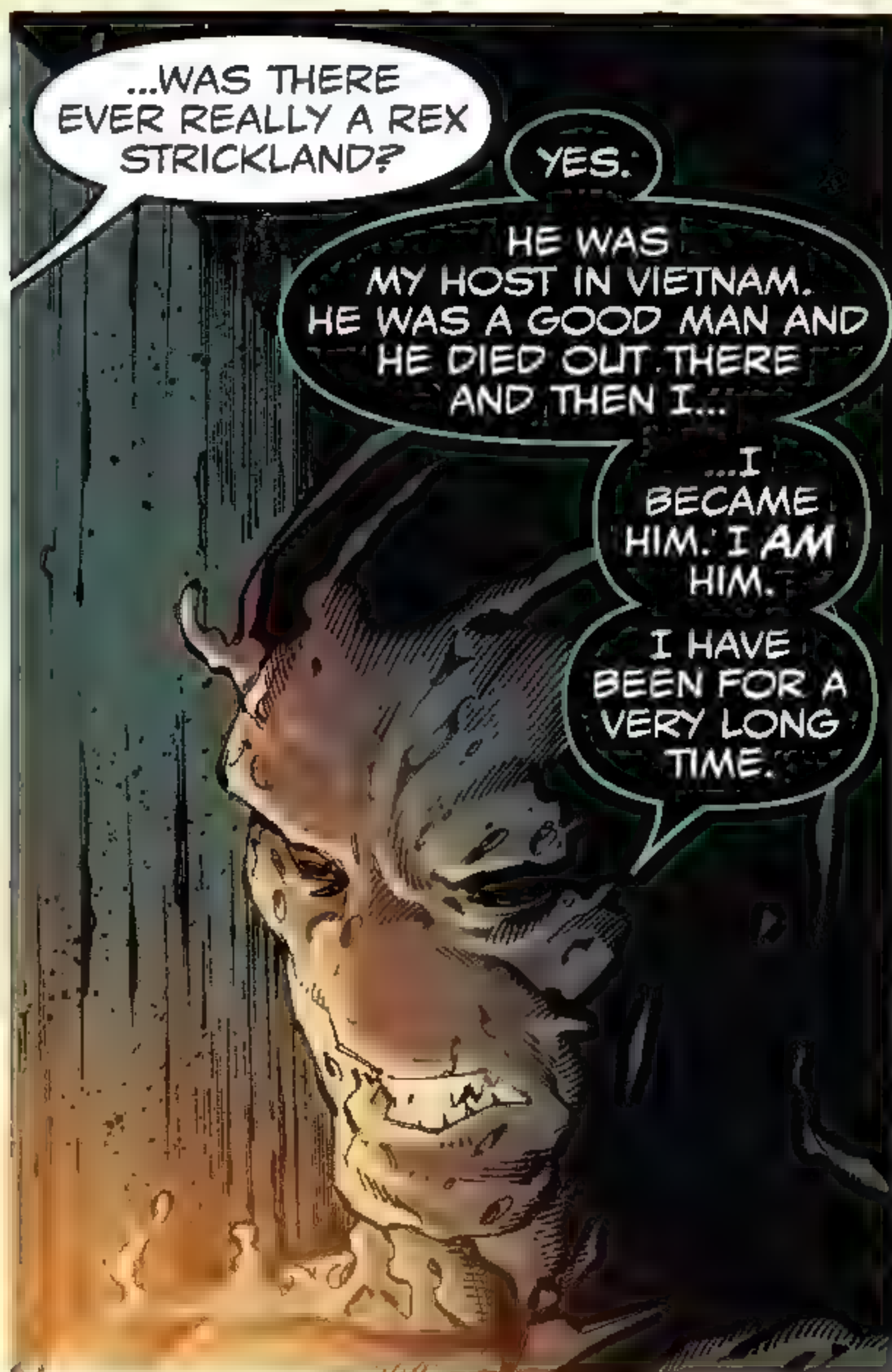
IT WAS NEVER US.











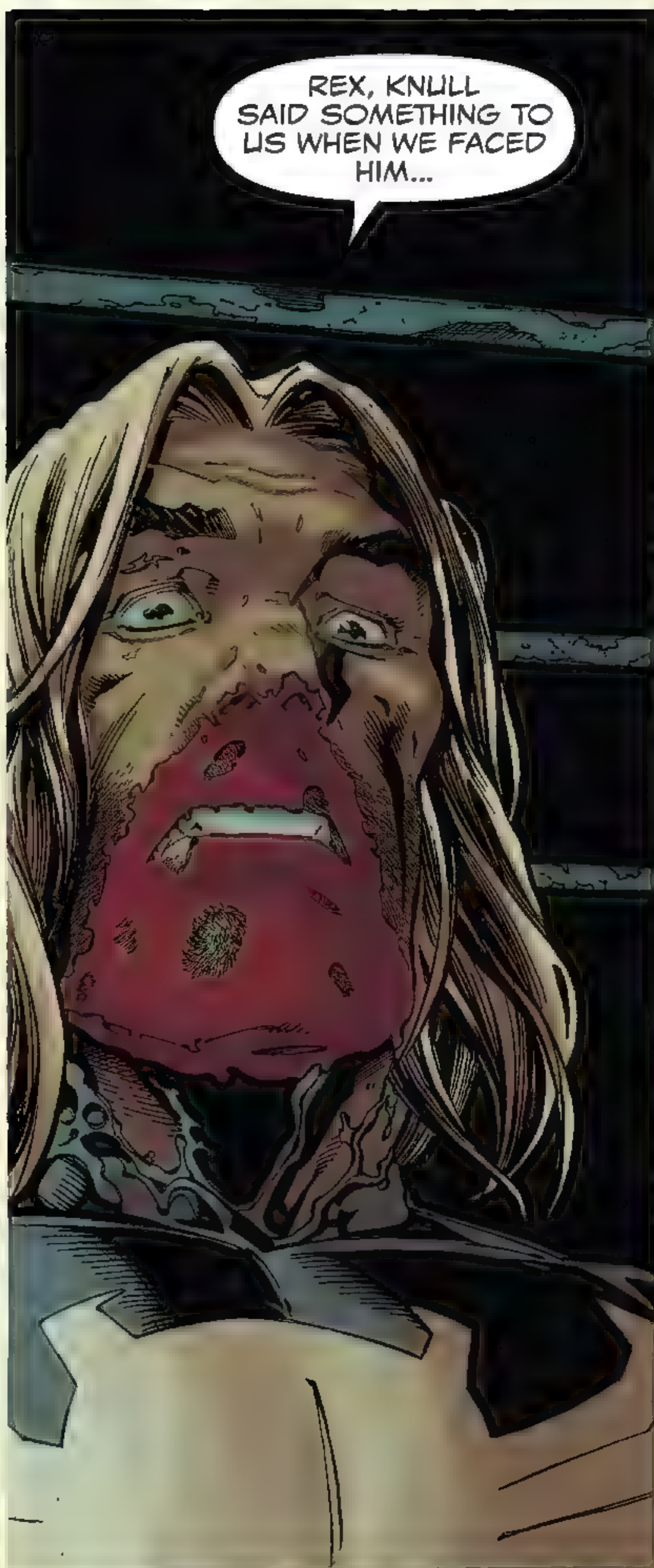




MY GOD...  
YOU'VE MADE  
CONTACT WITH  
KNULL, HAVEN'T  
YOU?

YES, HE  
ATTEMPTED TO  
ABSORB US  
INTO HIS--

CAN YOU  
TWO PLEASE  
STOP TALKING  
THROUGH  
ME?!



REX, KNULL  
SAID SOMETHING TO  
US WHEN WE FACED  
HIM...



AND WHEN  
THIS GREDEL IS  
COMPLETE...IT WILL  
COME FOR ME. IT WILL  
FREE ME FROM  
MY CAGE.



HE MEANS  
YOU, DOESN'T  
HE?

HE TOOK THE  
OTHER FOUR PIECES  
OF HIS GREDEL OFF  
THOSE SOLDIERS...AND  
NOW HE'S OUT THERE  
HUNTING FOR THE  
LAST PIECE.

REX...  
IF HE GETS  
YOU...



...THEN IT'S  
OVER.



NO.

THERE IS  
ANOTHER WAY.







RAAGGH!



WHUMP



...AT  
WAR.





YOU OKAY,  
BROCK?

YEAH, I'M...  
WAIT...  
REX?

YEAH, I'M HERE. DON'T WORRY,  
YOUR FRIEND IS IN HERE TOO.  
THEY'RE JUST LETTING ME DRIVE.



IF WE'RE GONNA DO THIS,  
WE NEED TO GET READY.

THE GREDEL IS TOUGH, BUT IT'S NOT  
INVINCIBLE. IF WE CAN CUT IT OFF FROM  
KNULL WE MIGHT HAVE A SHOT.

NOW, I'VE ONLY EVER SEEN ONE  
THING PUT A DENT IN KNULL'S  
SYMBIOTE LONG ENOUGH TO  
SEVER THEIR CONNECTION...



THE  
LIGHT.

THAT'S RIGHT. AND AS  
STRONG AS WE ARE NOW,  
AIN'T NONE OF US THOR.



SO  
WHAT DO WE  
DO?

THIS AIN'T MY  
FIRST WAR, SON.

AND I SPENT ENOUGH TIME IN  
S.H.I.E.L.D. THAT I MAY OR MAY  
NOT HAVE BORROWED A FEW  
THINGS FOR JUST SUCH AN  
APOCALYPSE.



WE MIGHT NOT BE  
ABLE TO THROW  
LIGHTNING...



...BUT WE CAN  
DAMN SURE  
BRING THE  
THUNDER.



TO BE CONTINUED...



# VENOM

## #6!

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